

Docket No.: 101188-34
Customer No.: 27387
Application No. 09/998,995
Reply to Office Action of December 22, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This is in response to official action dated December 22, 2004. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following comments.

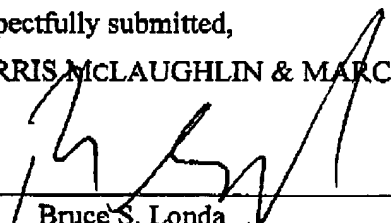
A request for a three-month extension of time is submitted herewith.

Claims 5-8 are considered allowable, subject to incorporation of the intervening claims. These claims are now amended accordingly, and are therefore allowable as is. The remaining claims have been canceled.

Wherefore, allowance of all claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
NORRIS MCLAUGHLIN & MARCUS, P.A.

By



Bruce S. Londa
Reg. No. 33,531
875 Third Avenue
New York, New York 10022
Phone: (212) 808-0700
Fax: (212) 808-0844